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Signing on: State and local officials, and Richmond Jewish leaders, celebrated the dedication of the Kahal Kadosh Beth Shalome historic highway marker in downtown Richmond on March 21. The crowd was undeterred by a steady rain. (Photo IDs, Page 4)

Suffragette Pauline Adams

A lady with a cause

Note: This excerpt is the first in a series of "Learn More About" features on the DHR Web site. It grew out of an article on the Occoquan Work House that recently appeared in Notes on Virginia. Go to the "What's New" page for the full-length article on Pauline Adams's lifelong efforts for women's rights.

by Ann Miller Andrus

From a speaker's podium in Norfolk to the gates of the White House, from city courtrooms to a jail cell in solitary confinement at the Occoquan Work House, Pauline Adams spent her adult life fighting for women's rights. As

president of the Equal Suffrage League of Norfolk and a member of the National Woman's Party, Pauline Adams believed fervently in the abilities of women and worked actively for their rights.

In 1917, Adams was among the women who picketed the White House to demand that the Wilson Administration support a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. By then, however, Wilson's more pressing concern was the war raging in Europe. A number of women were arrested and jailed. Although all were given the opportunity to pay a small fine, many chose to go to jail on

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Boards OK 24 listings to registers

On March 19, the Historic Resources Board approved the addition of 13 individual properties and 11 historic districts to the Virginia Landmarks Register. In a separate action, the State Review Board recommended the 24 nominations be added to the National Register of Historic Places. Following final staff review, the nomination reports will be forwarded to the National Park Service and the Keeper of the National Register.

The properties include:

From the **Capital Region**: Bowling Green Historic District, Town of Bowling Green, Caroline County; Colonial Theatre, Town of South Hill, Mecklenburg County; Prince George Court House Historic District, Prince George County; and Selwyn, Hanover County;

From the **Portsmouth Region**: Ballentine Place Historic District, City of Norfolk; Bay Point Farm, City of Suffolk; Centreville-Fentress Historic District, City of Chesapeake; Lee's Mill, City of Newport News; Oaklette Historic District, City of Chesapeake; and Sun Ray Rural Historic District, City of Chesapeake;

From the **Roanoke Region**: Burrell Memorial Hospital, City of Roanoke; Phlegar House, Floyd County; Pleasant Grove, City of Salem; Sanders House, Wythe County; and Virginia Railway Passenger Station, City of Roanoke;

From the **Winchester Region**: Cherrydale Historic District, Arlington County; George Washington Grist Mill, Fairfax County; Government Island, Stafford County; Ketocin Baptist Church, Loudoun County; Luray Downtown Historic District, Town of Luray, Page County; Lyon Park Historic District, Arlington County; Maywood Historic District, Arlington County; Middletown Historic District, Town of Middletown, Frederick County; and Saegmuller House, Arlington County.

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DHR Roundup

Petersburg office closing its doors

As a result of state budget cuts, DHR has closed the Capital Regional Preservation Office. DHR and the City of Petersburg have amended the existing lease to end occupancy of the Farmers Bank Building by May 31. The amendment allows DHR's administrative staff to continue to work in the City's Old Court Clerk's office at 10 Courthouse Avenue, next to the Petersburg Court House.

CRPO director John G. Zehmer, state grants coordinator and historian Ann Andrus, and archaeologist Chris Stevenson will continue to function as a team, and will serve the Capital Region service area from the agency's headquarters in Richmond.

Turner tours fort time capsule

A citizen's concerns about the future of Fort Huger, a well-preserved Civil War Confederate fort located in Isle of Wight County, brought state and local officials to inspect the site, which faces possible development.

Randolph Turner, Portsmouth Regional Preservation Office director and archaeologist, led the field inspection together with county planning and administrative representatives, Isle of Wight County Museum and Isle of Wight Historical Society members, and a descendant of the designer of the fort.

The historical society hopes to work with the landowner to preserve the fort as part of a new residential development, or to set aside the entire site until enough money is raised to buy the land.

Turner will continue



Photo by Jim Manner, courtesy of *The Smithfield Times*

From left, Bobbi and Robert Case (descendant of the fort's designer) of Virginia Beach survey the ruins of Fort Huger, while Bill Somers of the Isle of Wight Historical Society and Randolph Turner of DHR look down into the remains of a magazine storehouse.

working with the county on preservation options for the fort, built in 1861 as part of the James River defenses to prevent Union vessels from reaching Richmond.

Military housing initiative launched

DHR has met with representatives from the U.S. Army's Fort Belvoir, the Marine Corps' Quantico, and the U.S. Navy to discuss the Department of Defense's decision to privatize all housing on military installations.

This plan will affect all military bases located in Virginia and implementation will require close involvement with DHR. With no housing budget appropriated for 2004, agreements will have to be executed in extremely short periods of time. This will translate into a large, intensive workload for DHR's project review staff.

However, this close working relationship will not only help strengthen

the important ties between DHR and the armed forces, but it also brings the promise of preserving historically significant structures and archaeological sites located on military bases across the Commonwealth.



Mecklenburg County Courthouse, Boydton

Book spotlights Mecklenburg

Plans are underway for the May 31 celebration of the publication of *Two Mecklenburg Towns*, an illustrated history of the historic resources of Boydton and Clarksville. Edited by John G. Zehmer, director of DHR's Capital Region office and with color photographs by Richard Check, *Two*

Mecklenburg Towns is the first publication by DHR of architectural surveys in book form. It is based on surveys of the towns' historic districts contained in nominations prepared for the National Register of Historic Places.

The book was prepared as part of DHR's response to Governor Mark R. Warner's initiative to revitalize Southside Virginia. *Two Mecklenburg Towns* will be available for sale in late May in the town halls of the two towns and at DHR headquarters.

Stevenson receives Jeffress Grant

Capital Region Preservation Office archaeologist Chris Stevenson is the recipient of a \$30,000 award from the Jeffress Memorial Trust. The stipend will be used in his research project, "The Hydration and Dating of Historic Soda-Lime Glass: A New Archaeological Dating Method."

The study will be conducted in partnership with Monticello. The goal of the project is to develop a new dating method that will have practical value to the historic preservation community, and contribute overall to general glass science studies.

Capitol Square moves ahead

The General Assembly passed House Bill 2804 this session that authorizes the sale of bonds to finance in part the restoration of the State Capitol and the buildings that make up historically significant Capitol Square. Anticipating national and international travelers who will be coming to Virginia for 2007, the State Capitol rehabilitation will include the building of a visitors center. Selection of project architect is still underway.

Director's Notes

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick

In these uncertain times, not only have our families and homes become ever more dear to us, but so have the historic landmarks within our communities that serve as tangible reminders of our shared history.

This was poignantly and joyfully brought home at the recent Kahal Kadosh Beth Shalome (Holy Congregation House of Peace) historic highway marker dedication in Richmond (see page 1). The first Jewish congregation in Virginia and the sixth in the United States, Beth Shalome was founded just three years after the Virginia General Assembly approved legislation providing religious freedom in the Commonwealth. The crowd that attended the dedication, undeterred by chilling rain, underscored how much we, as citizens and communities, value the freedoms democracy affords us. For more details about Beth Shalome, see the "Highway Marker Spotlight" on our Web site at www.dhr.state.va.us.

While Richmond's Jewish community celebrated, Virginia's military community faced changes in the management of its housing. Congress recently authorized privatization of military base housing nationwide within the next year. Meeting the 2004 deadline presents a challenge both for base leadership and for DHR in its role as State Historic Preservation Office to balance the need for good housing and a good living environment for service-

men and women and their families, while maintaining the historic character of residential buildings (see page 2).

The importance of community can also be seen in the theme of this year's upcoming Historic Preservation Week, May 5-12, "Cities, Suburbs, and Countryside." May 10 has been named "See America Day," when communities across the nation will make special efforts to welcome travelers and increase visitation. Studies show that visitors seek authenticity in their travel experiences, at sites that define a community and help tell its story, exactly what well-preserved and interpreted historic landmarks offer.

Supporting Virginia's communities will also be a focus on May 31, when we will launch a Southside Virginia tourism effort with the publication of *Two Mecklenburg Towns, an illustrated history of historic landmarks of Boydton and Clarksville*, written by DHR's Capital Region Director John Zehmer (see page 2). Based on architectural surveys of the towns' historic districts, the book was produced to raise awareness about these two communities' historic resources, and to encourage tourism and economic development.

Uncertain times and shrinking resources have brought home the realization of the importance of our communities, a good thing. The increased demand for historic preservation programs and services tells us that by attending to the landmark places in which we live, work and play, we can help sustain our communities, which, in turn, anchor us in our daily lives as we look to the future.

Web hotspots

Click on the latest DHR news at www.dhr.state.va.us, "What's New"

In the news: Check out the latest in preservation news! The new clip-pings feature gives you easy access to the latest newspaper articles reporting historic preservation issues and developments in Virginia.

Focus on Coastal Towns: This feature highlights an historic coastal town or village that is preserving and conserving its cultural and environmental resources. We begin with Reedville, on the tip of the Northern Neck. Look for quarterly updates that will be developed in partnership with the Coastal Zone Management Program of the Department of Environmental Quality. Web site:

www.deq.state.va.us/coastal/about.htm

Tourism at your fingertips:

"Tourism Handbook—Putting Virginia's History to Work," is a handy desktop reference and comprehensive guide to heritage tourism development for local and regional partners. It takes planning groups through the entire process, from initial brainstorming to development, interpretation, marketing, and evaluation. Winner of the 2002 National Press Women's award, the handbook is an indispensable guide for communities planning 2007 festivities!

Register relief: National Register applications just got easier! The first step in the register process is completing the Preliminary Information Form. Now you can download the form and save it as a Word document,

fill it in electronically, and print and mail it with necessary attachments. Also see the guide to architectural terms that will aid you in accurately describing your historic property.

Education updates: See the latest addition to the on-line version of the "Solving History's Mysteries" exhibition—"History Under Ground." Another great teaching tool: "First People, the Early Indians of Virginia," adapted from the award-winning book by the same title. This section of the Web site takes you on a study of the earliest periods of the first people (in what is now Virginia) to the present day. Find out the life-ways of the Indians who adapted to a changing environment, made contact with the early English settlers, suffered through segregation, and are today rebuilding cultural traditions.

Calendar

70th Annual Historic Garden Week:

April 19-27, 2003; More than 250 private historic houses, gardens, and landmarks will be featured in three dozen different tours across the state. Prices for tour tickets range from \$10 to \$30 per event. For a schedule of tour dates, go to the Web site at www.VAGardenweek.org, or call (804) 644-7776.

Training Workshops:

April 28-May 1, 2003; Designed for not-for-profits and Certified Local Governments on strategic planning and volunteer management. Sponsored by DHR, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Preservation Alliance of Virginia.
Monday, April 28: Oatlands near Leesburg (N. Virginia and Valley)
Tuesday, April 29: DHR headquarters in Richmond (Central Va.)
Wednesday, April 30: Center in Square, City of Roanoke (Southwest and Lower Piedmont)
Thursday, May 1: St. John's Church Parish Hall, Hampton (Tidewater) Call 367-2323, ext. 105 for details.

Historic Preservation Week:

May 5-12, 2003; The theme for Preservation Week 2003 is "Cities, Suburbs and Countryside." There are many ways to get involved in Preservation Week: Present awards to your community's leading preservationists; teach students about their neighborhood's past; meet with your state and local representatives to voice your concerns about preservation issues in your area. Celebrate "See America Day," Saturday, May 10. Co-sponsored by the National Trust and the Travel Industry of America (TIA), communities are preparing to welcome travelers on that day. For more details go to www.national-trust.org/preservation-week/planning. At TIA, go to its Web site at: www.tia.org/Tourism/ntw03_toolkit.asp.

Adams

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principle. Adams, like many of them, was confined at the Occoquan Work House, an institution within the federal prison system at Lorton, in Fairfax County, Virginia.

In *Jailed for Freedom*, fellow suffragist Doris Stevens describes the brutal treatment received there. She writes of forced labor, poor diet, rancid food, hunger strikes, forced feedings to combat hunger strikes, beatings, loss of privileges, and contemptuous treatment from the guards. Pauline Adams' letters to her sons also describe mistreatment of the prisoners.

After a national outcry, President Wilson announced support for a women's suffrage amendment toward the

end of 1917. Passage of it, however, did not come for another three years.

Adams' jail time in pursuit of the vote was but one chapter in her fight for women's rights.

In 1921, she became Norfolk's second woman qualified to practice law. A Norfolk newspaper's editorial tribute at the time of her death in 1957 noted that Adams "believed so thoroughly that woman's place was not only in the home, but also in public affairs, that she became a practicing attorney to prove it to herself and to others." In one obituary, she was described as a woman of "tremendous vitality." She specialized in fighting for women in the divorce courts and espoused the cause of the underdog throughout her legal career.

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Also, five easement donations were accepted by the Historic Resources Board: Cappahosic, Gloucester County; William Gunnell House, Fairfax County; Powell-McMullan House, Greene County; and St. Julien, Spotsylvania County. The board has taken 10 new easement donations under consideration that will be voted on at the next meeting.

Lastly, the Historic Resources Board approved 38 highway markers, including markers dedicated to the Carter Musical Family in Scott County and the Sharon Indian School in King William County.

The next joint board meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 18, at a location to be determined. For more information on state board activities, please consult the DHR Web site at www.dhr.state.va.us.



Support Historic Preservation

This year as you file your state income tax return, please take a moment to check off the box that enables you to make a donation to Virginia's Historic Resources Fund. Legislation passed by the General Assembly created this important option to provide a convenient way to support heritage education, landmark preservation, and the operation of historic sites. The fund is administered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and all donations are fully tax deductible. Deductions can be claimed in the following year.

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From Page 1: Participants at the Kahal Kadosh Beth Shaolome marker unveiling were (from left): Rabbi Gary Creditor, Richmond Rabbinical Council; Mayor Rudolph C. McCollum; Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr., Congregation Beth Ahabah; DHR Director Kathleen S. Kilpatrick; Harriete Will, president, Beth Ahabah Museum and Archives; Earl Ferguson, president, Congregation Beth Ahabah; Ric Arenstein, president, Jewish Community Federation of Richmond; Jerry Klinger, president, American Society for Historic Preservation; and D. Stephen Elliott, director, Council for America's First Freedom.